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## THE CHINESE THEATRE.

A Fashionable Fad with the Foreigners.

### THE ACROBAT OF THE CENTURY.

Plot of the Play for Tonight—Red Fire and Buhach for Stage Effects. Thrilling Scene in a Tank Drama. Play Without a Lover—The Villain.

Ever since the publication in the ADVERTISER regarding the renowned Chinese acrobat, Lo Fat, at the new Chinese theatre, the curiosity of foreigners in the city has grown to such a pitch that every evening the attendance has grown larger. Thursday night there were over forty white persons present, among whom were many society people of the city. Chinese theatre-going has become a fad, and now threatens to become a mania. Several of those who were present Thursday night thought it would be a good thing to have a special night for foreigners. The management heard of it and took it up very quickly, arranging matters so that an entertainment will be given tonight, the special feature being of course the gyrations of the famous Lo Fat. Seats may be had of Chong Kim at Hartwell & Thurston's office, D. L. Kwai at W. S. Eddings', and Charles L. Yung at C. T. Gulick's old office. Seats will be reserved for foreigners, and Lo Fat will endeavor to do his best work at that time.

In order to give those who intend to go some idea of the play, which would otherwise be one jumble of smiles and squeals, one of the management was seen yesterday and gave a very good synopsis of it.

It is called Tau Tau by those who are on speaking acquaintance with it and is said to be a drama in two acts. If it was in English it would be called a drama but in Celestial lingo, drayma goes. The characters in the play are a rich man and a poor man. Then there is the wife of the rich man; not a sure enough wife just a make believe and, as in all Chinese plays, the female character is essayed by a lady-like young fellow with a falsetto voice. Besides these there are characters portrayed by the masses and known as Exhibit B. 424-536.

In the first act the man with the sack returns from Corea where he had been running a bicycle contest for a daily paper. The season had just closed and he came back with all kinds of money in a bag.

The poor man, Lo Fat, the acrobat, was down on his luck and was trying to appease a pie appetite on a yesterday's bread purse. His stomach yearned so much for something better than he was getting and he decided to take to the road or run a newspaper. Without stopping to consider the enormity of his crime he jumped on the rich man and touched him for all the money he had in his jelly bag. When the rich man became poor and the poor one rich they began to parley over the change of affairs and the poor man's heart was softened when his victim began telling him how much better he would enjoy his wealth if he came about it honestly, and on the promise of the once poor, then rich and now poor man that he would let Lo in on the next contest the latter disgorged his ill gotten wealth. Before the act closes Lo regrets his course and decides to visit the old man's house at midnight and properly do him.

Act 2 brings the rich man's wife and mother-in-law to the front in a four round contest for points. Their grown up daughter seconded the mother and handled her all right, but before time was called in the second round the old lady fouled her daughter-in-law, and because the referee would not allow it the girl quit and went to her room. The fight

is declared a draw and the scene changes. We find the girl in her room dressed in a mackintosh and a pair of rubber shoes; she was in a torrent of tears and she had to do everything possible to keep from getting her feet wet. At this moment the audience detects an odor of buhach; a piece of the scenery falls out and a devil appears and does the hypnotizing act with the girl and she finds herself completely in his power. When the man, the devil, finds that his scheme works he touches a match to some red fire and lets it go at that. Before the audience gets through coughing he tempts her to hang herself and she yields to his eloquence and borrows his suspenders to help her on the road to eternity. While she is dangling between the flies and the stage clock strikes 12 and the poor robber makes a sneak through the window to get the old man's coin. When he saw the girl in her perilous position he sharpened his pen knife and cuts the suspenders and then biffs the devil in the jaw. At first sight it's a twenty to one shot in favor of the robber, but the devil is game and comes up smiling. They scrapper on until daylight, when the devil gets frightened and quits. Then the old man, who had just got up for his morning coffee and heard the row, went to the room to find the cause of the disturbance.

When he learned the cause he asked the rescuer how he happened to be on the premises. When told that it was for the purpose of robbery, the old man fell on his neck and wept bitter tears. He was willing then to divide even the gate money in the next bike contest, and swear all kinds of friendship.

Take it all through, it's a very interesting play—if you understand the language; if you don't you will have as much fun as a deaf and dumb man at one of Mark Twain's lectures.

### PUNAHOU COLLEGE FLASHES.

Tennis on the Boom—Glee Club Started.

The boys at Punahou College are determined the institution will not be outdone in the matter of tennis. The genuine racket-and-ball spirit has taken hold for keeps at the college, and now courts are to be laid out immediately. One of these will be of dirt and the other two turf courts. As soon as they are completed the enthusiasts at the place will roll up their sleeves and begin practice in good earnest.

A glee club of twelve students has been formed and placed under the direction of Prof. Ingalls and Miss Axtell. The club will sing both classical and popular music. The first meeting was held last night.

A party of twenty more Punahou students will start at 7 a. m. today for a trip around Makapu point.

Mr. Yatman, the evangelist, will speak at Punahou Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

### The Revival Services.

Y. M. C. A. Hall was quite well filled last night by persons anxious to hear Mr. Yatman, Revs. Birnie, Garvin and Peck among the number. The evangelist spoke on what one must do to be saved. The remarks were pointed and plain and were, as usual, well received by his hearers. At the close of his service a goodly number stepped in front of the platform and gave themselves to Christ. The interest in these meetings is increasing daily.

Being Saturday there will be no services, but tomorrow there will be enough to make up for any omission today. There will be eleven services tomorrow, particulars of which will be found in the church column.

### The Kawaihau Club.

The best way to get to a man's heart is through his stomach, and to the fact that Mrs. Friemann feeds her boarders well may be attributed the affection the guests at the Richelieu hold for the hostess. The luncheons are gems of the culinary art and the dinners gems of the chef's ingenuity. At the Richelieu tonight the Kawaihau Glee Club will render choice music.

## ANGUS HAS BEST OF IT.

Ballots Till the Judges are Weary Counting.

### KING TAKES SECOND PLACE.

The Gazette Office Crowded with Spectators—Three Hours Hard Work. Rules of the Race.

Everyone Should Lend Aid—Race Starts at 4 O'clock—A Fair Field and no Favor.

GEO. ANGUS, : : : 3593  
TOMMY KING, : : : 3318  
D. G. SYLVESTER, : : : 2383

The contest for positions in the ADVERTISER road race is over, and the anxiety is now centered on the result of the ride.

The count was advertised to begin at 7:30, the box to close at 8 o'clock, but some objections were made to this and the judges decided that the work should not begin until after the hour for closing the box had arrived. Long before 7 o'clock the spectators began to arrive and crowd around the windows and in the business office of the ADVERTISER. Young men and old ones with packages containing from six to a thousand votes for their favorites, forced their way through the crowd and dropped their ballots. When the judges, Messrs. Gear, Towse, Forbes and J. E. Jaeger, arrived, it appeared as though they would have to be lifted over the heads of the people in order to reach their positions near the big ballot box.

Promptly at 8 o'clock time was called and George Angus' was the first name drawn from the box. As the votes were handed out Mr. Towse called off the name and the other judges kept the tally. Before the men were half through the spectators made up their minds that the quiet young man from Kaahumanu street had been doing some effective work without allowing it to be made public. It was evidently to be an Angus night. Mr. King's supporters were firm in their belief that Tommy would come out first in the contest, so they were willing enough to allow his votes to be counted third. Sylvester was reported to have 4000 votes in reserve, and one enthusiastic individual with a vivid imagination declared that he had arranged 2000 himself. But Sylvester fell short and so did King. When 2000 votes had been tallied for Angus the judges went from labor to refreshments and filled up on coffee and sodawater with a stray sandwich of crackers and cheese. After gorging themselves work was resumed.

It was a night of surprises all around; Turner, who was supposed to have a storehouse filled with ballots bobbed up with only 253 votes which left him too far back to be anything more than a spectator on the track.

The men who will start in the race are Angus, King and Syl-